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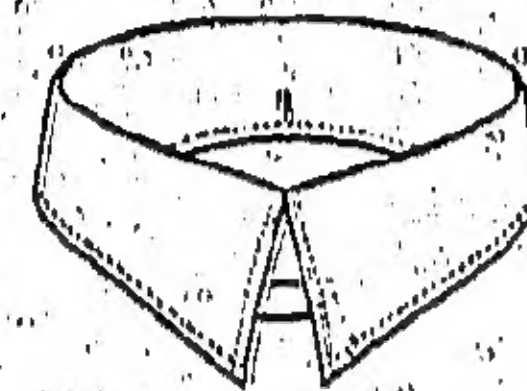
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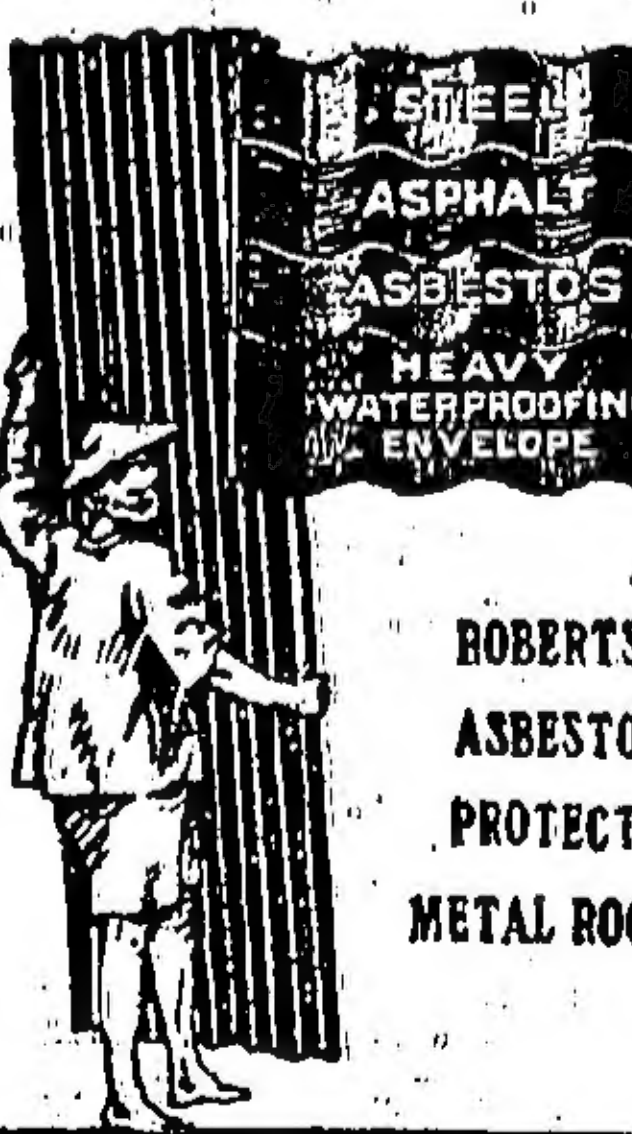
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STRIKE PICKETS.

CHINESE RAILWAY COAL
SEIZED.

TRAINS HAD TO STOP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Mar. 6.

Strike pickets here have seized
seven junks full of coal, sent from
Hongkong via Macao, to the Sun-
ning Railway.

The trains have stopped running.
Negotiations are proceeding but at
present without result.

Later,
A part of the coal has been re-
turned to the Railway. The
balance will be held until orders
are received from the Strike Com-
mittee in Canton. Trains have re-
sumed but there are only two trips
a day instead of four, so as to save
coal. The Railway has had to give
up undertaking to the local strike
executive that it will make good the
coal returned, should Canton hand-
quarters decide that the whole ship-
ment must be held. No decision has
come through from Canton yet.

MORE VIGILANCE.

SEQUEL TO HUNGHOM BOMB
OUTRAGE?

POLICE FIND ARMS.

Increased vigilance as a result
of the bomb outrage led to arms
seizures by Police searchers on
the Hunghom wharf yesterday.

A young Chinese was charged
before Mr. R. E. Lindell with
possession of two automatic
pistols. Detective Sub-Inspector
Shannon informed His Worship
that the searcher claimed to have
information. It was the case for
the prosecution that accused had a
black cloth bag in which were a
number of articles, including a
holster in which were the
weapons, wrapped also in cloth.

Another Chinese was arrested
at the same time with a shining
brass kettle. It was alleged that
100 rounds of ammunition, which
fitted the pistols, were inside the
kettle.

His Worship ordered a remand
in Police custody for three days
so that enquiries could be made.
Executing a warrant at a dwell-
ing at Ngau Shui Wan (in
suburban Kowloon) yesterday,
the Police arrested a woman in
connection with the discovery of
a revolver, a holster, and two
daggers.

FURNITURE VANISHES.

Furniture comprising a table,
four chairs, and a bed has van-
ished from the premises of Him Yik,
at No. 113, Wing Lok Street (second
floor), in the centre of the Chinese
business locality.

In asking the Police to investi-
gate, the master merely says that
the disappearance must have occur-
red between Thursday and yester-
day.

The next Criminal Sessions will
be held on Monday, March 22.

It is ordered that the provisions
of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, Or-
dinance No. 14 of 1922, shall not
apply in the case of the domestic
tenements situated on Shaikwan
Lots Nos. 20, 21, 22 and 23, also
123 and 385; the domestic tenement
known as Astor House, stand-
ing on Section B of Marine Lot
No. 2; and the domestic tenement
known as No. 1, Kwai Wah Lane,
ground and first floors.

A Naval court martial was held
on board H.M.S. "Durban" yester-
day when Able Seaman Reginald
Booth (of H.M.S. "Despatch") was
sentenced to six calendar months
detention and deprivation of one
good conduct badge for striking
Midshipman C. R. S. Farquhar of
the same ship. Captain J. C.
Hamilton was President. Others
who took part were:—Captain R. C.
Davenport (prosecutor), Pay
Lt.-Com. F. R. Porter (Judge
Advocate) and Sub-Lt. P. E. J.
Giffman (prisoner's counsel). The
accused pleaded guilty.

THE INVESTITURE.

CROWDS WITNESS PASSAGE
OF PRINCE GEORGE.

UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

In spite of the unfavourable
weather conditions, crowds lined
the streets this morning and from
points of vantage others observed
the arrangements for and the
actual passage of H.R.H. as he
passed in state by motor car be-
tween lined troops consisting of
marines and troops and officers.

The naval units extended from
the Prince of Wales gate at the
Naval Yard and some way up
Garden Road and the troops to
Government House, where the
Guard of Honour consisted of the
Scottish Company of the Hong-
kong Volunteer Defence Corps
with pipers.

His Royal Highness was pre-
ceded by the Admiral and the
Commodore who left the Prince of
Wales Gate a quarter of an hour
before the open car bearing him-
self and his A.D.C. H.R.H. wore
naval uniform and full regalia and
decorations and was accompanied
by an A.D.C.

Immediately preceding the car
bearing His Royal Highness were
two police officers in a motor
cycle combination.

The commands "present" and

"On the other hand our repre-

sentative at Tongku went to the

fort early this morning and

accompanied by a Chinese officer

from the fort, proceeded by

Japanese launch to the destroyers

outside the bar to meet the com-

manding officer. The launch

came back with two destroyers at

3.40.

"The launch, which was pro-

ceeding ahead of the destroyers,

drew near to the forts and the

Chinese officer got off to report to

the officer in charge of the forts

when the forts began to fire on

the destroyers.

"There must have been some

misunderstanding on the part of

the forts. The destroyers then

turned back, replying to the fire

from the forts."

Position Unchanged.

Peking, March 13.

The situation remains the same

at Taku where four Japanese

destroyers arrived yesterday

afternoon. Steamers are con-

tinuing to go in and out of the

river.

a.m., has been fixed for the first

general meeting of creditors in

the above matter, to be held at

the Official Receiver's Office. No

creditors can vote unless he pre-

viously proves his debt at least

24 hours before the meeting.

Forms of proof can be obtained

and filed in at the Official

Receiver's Office during the office

hours. At the first general meet-

ing, the creditors will be asked to

consider whether the debtor firm

shall be adjudged bankrupt.

Dividends.

Re Pang Dai-ting, carrying on

business under the style or firm

name of Cheong Tai firm, at 110,

Queen's Road Central, a first

dividend is intended to be declared

in the above matter after the

expiration of one month from

March 12.

Re Shum Shin-chi, trading as

the Kwai Yee firm, at No. 102,

Queen's Road Central, a first

and final dividend is intended to

be declared in the above matter

after the expiration of one month

STRONG PROTEST.

THREE JAPANESE WOUNDED
AT TAKU.

DESTROYERS RETURN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 12.

Two Japanese sailors and a
military officer were wounded by
machine-gun and military fire
from the forts in the vicinity of
Taku when two Japanese destroy-
ers attempted to proceed up the
river.

The destroyers were compell-
ed to retire.

The Japanese Consul-General at
Tientsin is lodging a strong pro-
test.

Official Statement.

Peking, later.

The Japanese Consul-General at

Tientsin issued the following

official statement this evening:—

"Late last night the Japanese

Consul-General got a report that

four Japanese destroyers had ar-
rived at Taku and that one was

going to Tientsin this afternoon.

The Consul-General, therefore

hastened to Tientsin this morn-

ing that a Japanese destroyer was

coming up the river and it was

duly communicated to the Chinese

troops at Tongku.

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sentative at Tongku went to the

fort early this morning and

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RABIES DEATH.

CHINESE BOY SUCCUMBS TO
HYDROPHOBIA.

A KOWLOON "BITE."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai Kongmoon, Mar. 6.

Near Kong Mei, a government
launch returning from Canton
was pirated.

All the passengers were kid-
napped. These included about a
hundred labour delegates of
Kongmoon who had been to Can-
ton to petition the authorities for
the release of Lu Tong, the
alleged ringleader of the mob of
strikers who besieged the local
station.

(One sequel of this riot is that
the Mayor, Mr. Luk Ku-yau who
was only recently appointed, has
lost his office.)

There is now no junk passing
Laan Tai Shuen (at the mouth of
the Kongmoon creek) as pirates
have mined the waters. Passen-
gers and cargo for up-country
ports are carried by train as
there is no river communication.

Since March 1, the Canton-
Kongmoon towboat has been at-
tacked by pirates every day, near
Kong Mei, because the pirates
have not been paid "Safe con-
duct" money.

Near Chu Shan, another gang
opened fire on the Canton-Kong-
moon towboat. This place is
close to Pakkai and we could see
the smoke as each "broadside"
was fired. The pirates fled when
guards and soldiers put out from
this port to assist the boat in her
duel.

Complications set in, however,
and the victim succumbed.

The bacteriologist is exam-
ining the corpse of a dog suspected
of having died of rabies. This
animal was caught in the
Wanchai district and put in the
Police cage—a structure of stout
wire, carried round by coolies
when the Police are rounding up
"strays." It died in the cage and
was found to belong to Mr.
A. J. C. Taylor, the Police
accountant.

A chase after a tennis ball led

to a Kowloon domestic servant

being bitten on Thursday. Mr.

L. A. Remedios, of No. 87, Gran-

ville Road, reports that he

was playing tennis when a ball

fell into the ground of No. 85,

the adjoining house. A servant

boy was sent to fetch it and he

was bitten by a dog belonging to

Mr. P. V. Botelho. The boy was

treated at the Government dis-
pensary and the dog sent to

Kennedy Town for observation.

His Excellency the Governor has

recognised, provisionally and pend-
ing instructions from the Secretary

of State for the Colonies, Mr.
Harold Shantz as a Consul for the

United States of America in Hong-
kong.

Mr. John Watson has been ap-
pointed to act as Assistant Secre-
tary to the Sanitary Board during

the absence on leave of Mr. David
Davies, with effect from March 6.

Mr. Arthur Dyer Ball has been

appointed to act as Assistant
Attorney General, with effect from

March 10.

Captain Robert Melville Smith,

M.B.E., has been appointed to be

in command of the Infantry Bat-
talion of the Hongkong Volunteer

Defence Corps, during the absence on

leave of Lieut.-Colonel Lennox

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
 Issued and Fully Paid up \$20,000,000
 Reserve Funds:
 Starting \$1,500,000
 Silver \$27,000,000
 Reserve Liability of \$70,000,000
 Proprietors:
COURT OF DIRECTORS:
 D. G. M. Barnard, Esq., Chairman
 Hon. Mr. A. G. Lang, Esq., Deputy Chairman
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 W. M. P. H. Ho, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER:
A. H. BARLOW, Esq.

Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in
 LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED
 DEPOSITS received for one year or
 shorter periods in Local Currency and
 Sterling, on terms which will be quoted
 on application.
 Hongkong, 27th February, 1926.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is
 conducted by the HONGKONG
 AND SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
 PORATION. Rules may be obtained
 on application.

INTEREST on deposits is calculated
 on the lowest balance during each com-
 pleted calendar month at 3½ per cent.
 per annum. Should there be no balance
 on any day in a month no interest will
 be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their
 option Balances of \$100 or more to the
 HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK
 to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at
 CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
 BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:
 95, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs. 72,000,000.00
 Paid-Up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00
 Reserve Fund Frs. 59,687,283.54

BRANCHES:
 Bangkok, Hanoi, Pondicherry,
 Batavia, Hongkong, Saigon,
 Canton, Hankow, Shanghai,
 Peking, Yunnan, etc.

IN FRANCE: Compagnie Nationale d'Escompte
 de Paris, Credit Lyonnais, Societe Generale,
 etc. In LONDON: The National Provincial &
 London Bank, etc. In HONGKONG: The
 National Provincial & London Bank, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and
 Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
 Every description of Banking and Exchange
 Business transacted.
 A. H. BARLOW, Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NEDERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

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HONGKONG BRANCH ESTABLISHED 1906

Authorized Capital G. 150,000,000. 215,500,000
 Paid-up Capital G. 30,000,000. 5,555,555
 Reserve Fund G. 20,555,555. 1,711,480
 Special Reserve G. 22,500,000. 2,188,444

HEAD OFFICE: Amsterdam.
 EASTERN HEAD OFFICE: Batavia.

BRANCHES:
 Batavia, Bandoeng, Bencoolen,
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 Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow,
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LONDON BANKERS:
 National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
 Correspondents all over the world.
 BANKING BUSINESS OF EVERY
 DESCRIPTION.
 J. C. MAASSEN, Acting Agent.
 Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

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 Hankow, Shanghai,
 Harbin, Shimonoseki,
 Honolulu, Singapore,
 Kobe, Soerabaya,
 London, Sydney,
 Los Angeles, Tokyo,
 Lyons, Yokohama,
 Manila, Nagasaki,
 Nippon, Yokohama.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts
 Deposits received for fixed periods at
 rates to be obtained on application.
 C. ARIMA, Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th March, 1926.

THE BANK OF EAST
ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

(In Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong.)

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
 Reserve Fund (1925) 1,200,000

DIRECTORS:

Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow—Chairman.
 Fung Ping Shan, Mok Ching Kung,
 Li Koon Chun, Wong Yung Tong,
 P. K. Kwok, E. Y. Tang,
 Ng Ching Tak, Kan Ying Po,
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KAN YONG TO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

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LONDON: Midland Bank Ltd.

NEW YORK: Irving Bank Columbia

Trust Co.

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spondents throughout the world.

A. H. BARLOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1925.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL

CHARTER, 1858.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £25,000,000

Reserve Fund £24,000,000

Reserve Liability of Pro-

prietors £23,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General

Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and

FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year

or shorter period at rates which will be

quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(Taiwan Bank.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial

Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed Yen 45,000,000

Capital (Paid-up) Yen 39,375,000

HEAD OFFICE: Taipei, Formosa.

BRANCHES: Japan—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe,

Osaka.

FORMOSA:—Gilan, Kagi, Karemko,

Keelung, Bokoto, Nanto, Shin-

chiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao,

Tamsui, Tuyen, Hailuo, Taitou.

CHINA:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy,

Poochow, Swatow, Canton.

OTHERS:—Hongkong, Singapore,

Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia,

Bombay, London, New York,

Calcutta.

LONDON BANKERS:

London County Westminster and

Paris Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial

Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Man-

churia, Siam, Japan, India, China, Siam, India,

Philippines, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and

Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on

application.

T. TAKAGI, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:

8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1925.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially Authorized by Presidential

Mandate of the Republic of China

on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital \$18,275,000.00

Reserve Fund \$9,529,425.24

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONGKONG BRANCH:

4, Queen's Road Central.

Branches and Sub-branches all over

China and Correspondents in Europe,

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

Profits and Dividends For
 Last Year.

For Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., the profit for the twelve months ended October 31, 1925, amounts to \$108,703.87, which together with the carry forward of \$49,725.38 from the previous year leaves \$158,429.25 available for appropriation.

The directors will recommend at the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders that this sum be allocated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 7½ cents per share on 90,000 shares.

Pay a dividend of 2½ cents per share on 30,000 shares of the new issue.

Place to contingency account \$20,000.

Carry forward \$56,676.23.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The "China Mail" has been

officially informed that the general

managers and consulting committee

of the Hongkong Fire Insurance

Co., Ltd., will recommend at the

forthcoming meeting of share-

holders to be held on March 26, the

payment out of the profits for the

year 1924 of a dividend of 33 per

cent, to pass a resolution to pass

\$100,000 to credit of reserve fund

and \$15,447.74, at exchange

2/4% = \$130,666.00, to credit of

insurance fund; carrying forward

\$500,782.41 in respect of the year

1925.

INSURANCE.

Queer Claims at Lloyd's.

They say, "You can insure any-

thing at Lloyd's" and, if this is

not strictly accurate, you certainly

can insure any reasonable risk

with Lloyd's underwriters.

Naturally, some strange claims

are presented. For instance, a

firm claimed £10 for a big joint

that was burnt while roasting for

the staff dinner, and the claim was

paid. Another claim was in re-

spect of a canary suffocated in a

fire. "When it was pointed out that

live-stock was not covered by the

policy the owner replied that the

canary was a musical instrument

and, as such, was covered.

A further claim was for damage

alleged to have been done to a

carpet by moth during a short

journey. On comparing the market

value of the carpet with the

amount of the claim it was found

that the moth must have eaten 67

square yards of carpet in four

hours!

One claim settled at Lloyd's was

for the robbery of a gold caravan

in Samarkand, Russian Turkestan.

The caravan stopped at a village

and joined in the rejoicing at a

christening that was taking place.

Resuming their journey, the party

were overtaken by a band of

villagers who had learnt the nature

of their merchandise.

The robber chief was mounted on

a white steed with scarlet trappings,

his belt bristling with

weapons. His followers were of

the right ferocious aspect, and the

story of their threats, should re-

tribution be attempted, was blood-

curdling.

All the concomitants of an

Arabian Nights story were in the

half official record, even to the

salvage of some of the gold, which

the leader of the caravan had hid-

den in his high boots at the first

sign of attack.

DEPATED.

Vote Against Capital Increase.

After a special resolution to in-

crease the capital of the Sunkala

Rubber Estate Limited by £150,000

had been carried by a show

of hands at the extraordinary

general meeting of the share-

holders held at the offices of

Messrs. Cecil Holliiday and Co.,

Ltd., a pool of the shares repre-

sented resulted in the directors

being beaten on the resolution.

The resolution read as follows:—

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STORY OF EVE AND THE SERPENT.

SYNOD'S ULTIMATUM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, March 12.

The literal interpretation of the second and third chapters of Genesis is unjust is the complaint of the Rev. Dr. Geelkerken in replying to the Synod's ultimatum that he must sign his belief, inter alia, that the conversation between Eve and the serpent really happened.

Dr. Geelkerken points out that such an interpretation makes the authority of Holy Writ subject to the decision of a Church meeting. He asks the Synod to arrange a full discussion on the questions arising from the "reformed interpretation of Holy Writ."

Unconditional Demand.

Amsterdam, Later.

The Synod declined to accept Dr. Geelkerken's reservations and demanded his immediate and unconditional signature.

Dr. Geelkerken reiterated the impossibility of subscribing to a decision which excludes legitimate freedom of judgment.

The Synod is now considering the question of depriving Dr. Geelkerken of his pastorate.

A cable of January 28 reported: There was a dramatic incident at a meeting of the committee to consider the competence of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church to decide whether the well-known Amsterdam clergyman, Dr. J. C. Geelkerken, had rightly been declared "in suspect" owing to his alleged unorthodox views in regard to certain narratives in the Old Testament—especially whether the serpent actually spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Discussions in committee were most heated, and the speakers indulged in personalities. When the excitement was at its highest, the Chairman, Dr. Demoor, suddenly collapsed and died almost immediately, apparently from apoplexy.

ARMED CONFLICT.

CLOSING OF A CATHOLIC CHURCH.

PRIEST'S RESISTANCE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Tepic Navarri (Mexico), Mar. 12.

An armed conflict ensued as the result of the Government's attempt to close the Roman Catholic Church near Jalisco, in which three persons, representing the authorities, were killed and several people were wounded, one of them seriously.

It appears that the priest did not comply with the closing law and standing his ground against the Presidential orders with the backing of his flock, when the Government representatives proceeded to carry out the official decree they encountered an infuriated mob of men, women, and children.

The foregoing incident is connected with the Government action cabled on February 15.

A cable from Mexico City on February 15 stated: Continuing its activities against the Catholic Church by enforcing an article of the Constitution requiring all priests to be native born, the authorities have closed a convent here and another at Coyacan. All the priests are to be deported but the fate of twelve nuns who have been arrested here has not been decided. Many nuns belonging to other institutions went to the Spanish Legation where the Minister promised to try to arrange for their departure, if necessary, without deportation. A Havana cable of the same date reported: Fourteen Spanish priests, deported from Mexico, have arrived but were not allowed to land. They are proceeding to Spain.

COAL COMMISSION.

CONFERENCE OF MINERS DELEGATES.

WAGE REDUCTIONS OPPOSED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 12.

A fully attended Conference of miners' delegates was held today to discuss the report of the Coal Commission.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation submitted to the Conference the conclusions which it had reached after an examination of the findings of the Commission. These conclusions were discussed, and it is understood, it was decided to refer certain questions to the coal districts for their comments.

Another conference of delegates is to be held to consider the points of view so obtained.

Mr. Herbert Smith, who presided at today's Conference, referred to the visit of himself and some of his colleagues to the Prime Minister. There was general agreement among the delegates that the appeal of the Prime Minister—that nothing should be said hastily or individually on the Coal Commission's report until it had been well considered by all parties—should be observed.

The main point which engaged the attention of the Conference, it is understood, was the suggestion of the Coal Commission that 83 1/3 per cent. advance on the standard rates of wages which was granted in 1924 shall be revised downward. Through strong opposition was shown to this, it was plain that there are many recommendations by the Coal Commission with which the miners' leaders are not disposed to quarrel.

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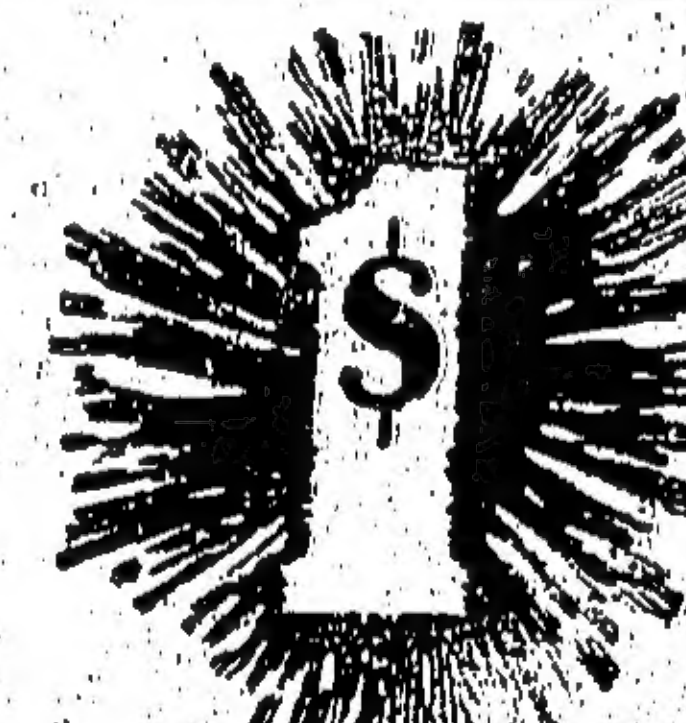
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Hongkong, Saturday, March 13, 1926.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

If it be permissible for once to depart from strict chronological order in dealing with the events of the week, pride of place must assuredly be given to the investiture to-day by His Royal Highness Prince George of those "whom the King delighteth to honour." Loyalty and worth are exemplified in the insignia symbolical of Royal approval and Royal graciousness; and it is fitting that His Majesty should assign a pleasing duty to his sailor son on the China Station. Moreover, in honouring individuals His Majesty has likewise honoured the Colony, which certainly cannot plead that it is overlooked in the bestowal of Royal favours. The Legislative Council met during the week, but its proceedings were brief, the only important measure being that to reinstate enemy aliens to the position they held before the war, whilst the first reading was passed of the Bill giving the Governor in Council power to order refunds of rates. A sidelight on the Colony's finances was afforded when the Finance Committee was subsequently asked to pass supplementary votes to the amount of a million and a quarter dollars. A bomb outrage was perpetrated at Hung Hom on Wednesday, but as it is now the subject of Police Court proceedings the less said about it the better, albeit the motive, it may be said, appears to have been malice or revenge. The annual Flower Show is one of the recognised functions—a horrid word, indeed, but who can invent a better?—of the Colony, and this year's display was creditable in every respect and well worthy of the high praise bestowed upon it by His Excellency the Governor. The utility of the Navy was illustrated when the "Durban" was despatched on an errand to Bias Bay in the hope of locating a pirate ship. Although the only "find" was a small vessel that had suffered at the hands of pirates, the mission of the "Durban" cannot but get to the ears of the pirates, who may be expected to be more circumspect in future in the waters adjacent to Hongkong. The submarine L83 was involved in a collision on Tuesday with the Tai O ferry boat, the circumstances of which will doubtless be cleared up at the inevitable enquiry. The Talkoo Dock added to their laurels with the trial run of the "Kau Sing," the Government rescue tug, which will be requisitioned in typhoons and in fires. In

ecclesiastical circles a pleasing appointment is that of the Rev. Father Valtorta as Vicar Apostolic in succession to the late Bishop Pozzoni.

Empire questions have had more or less of a slump during the week, apart from the Navy Estimates and the references in the House of Commons to Hongkong's contribution to the Singapore Base and to the "Vindictive" (now in Hongkong) as the first cruiser to be built with catapult-launched aeroplanes. At Home the protracted labours of the Coal Commission have resulted in the presentation of a very voluminous report, which makes very far-reaching recommendations bearing on the future of the coal industry. At a birthday anniversary in the Albert Hall General Booth was the recipient of greetings from His Majesty the King and the Viceroy of India, and in outlining future schemes, mentioned South China as one of the centres in which it is hoped to commence Salvation Army operations.

In the realm of international affairs the deadlock at Geneva over the extension of the Council of the League of Nations has occupied public attention to the exclusion of almost everything else. At the moment of writing a solution of the problem has not been announced in spite of the efforts of Sir Austen Chamberlain, the chief British delegate, whose utterances themselves created a furore at Home before he left for Geneva. Another absorbing topic has been the fall of M. Briand, the French Premier, and his subsequent restoration at the head of a new Cabinet, whose first duty will be to unravel the financial tangle that has been the despair of France for more months than we care to remember.

China naturally claims a new paragraph. The civil war now raging does not seem likely to be a "civil war" to end civil war in that distressful country, nor can any predict with assurance the ultimate result. Treachery and treachery seem to be the order of the day, and so it will ever be until the rise of a strong man able to look beyond fleeting military triumphs and place the administration of China in a fair way to command permanent power among her own nationals and to earn the respect of the Powers.

AVOIDING COMMITMENTS.

The Coal Commission's Report is undoubtedly a momentous one. If the Prime Minister's words are taken to heart, the result will be to the good of the industry and the community. Mr. Baldwin's hope is "that all parties concerned will study the report and weigh the evidence and conclusions, and avoid commitments." It is such remarks as these that reveal the transparent honesty of the British Premier, and that have made him somewhat of an enigma in political circles—where as a rule, hypocrisy runs rife. Recently the following question and answer was a part of Parliamentary proceedings:—

Is it the view of the Prime Minister that the present system of land tenure in this country is satisfactory?

I do not think that anything in this country is satisfactory.

The answer may suggest a mind not made up on practical issues. But it also suggests a mind not given to the glib utterance or the shallow thought. There is a moral lesson in the suggestion to avoid commitments which goes beyond the issues contained in the Coal Commission's Report. We assume the Premier refers to verbal commitments—the letting loose of rash statements which often obscure and cloud the issue, and add others which have nothing at all to do with the first question. Mr. Lloyd George committed the nation to hanging the ex-Kaiser. That gentleman—if such he may be called—still lives. The same politician—frequently described as a "wizard"—promised us a nation fit for heroes to dwell in. The heroes are still here but all that there is for them appear to be steel houses, and a housing problem in such places as Scotland which is a disgrace to civilisation. The lesson of verbal commitments can be applied nearer home—to the individual. There is a Fadlock Society in existence which enjoins its members to "keep watch upon the tongue." "A safe rule," says an American, "is not to talk about another person at all unless we can 'speak good of his name.' It is a good rule, though silence can often be more condemning than speech—and a rule worth adopting. It would result in less frayed nerves and reputations, and lead to clearer perceptions and decisions—to say nothing of peace."

FUNERAL.

There was a large gathering at the funeral of the late Mr. John Gibson, which took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Rev. J. H. Johnson officiating.

Among those present were: Mr. James Adam, brother-in-law (chief mourner), Messrs. T. Arnott (Works Manager, Green Island Cement Company), R. Taylor (Chief Engineer), J. J. Cameron, S. S. Harris, B. J. Jemchoojin, H. Goodwin, E. Docherty, R. E. Hoare, G. H. Cuthill, J. C. Brown, J. E. Anderson, A. G. Gordon, Ah Ping, T. V. Hermon, V. Jarrett, J. H. Hunt, and D. E. Evans.

Wreaths were sent by the following: His loving Mother, Margaret, Brothers and Sisters, Messrs. Thomas Arnott, H. Pooley, A. Keith, V. Jarrett, James Pettie, Ah Ping, Leung Ping and Tsang Yau, Mok Hoi and Lee Yuk-po (Hok Un Cement Works); Mr. and Mrs. J. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. McKelvie, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hoare, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, and family, Mr. J. W. D. Bell and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cuthill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Docherty; European Staff of the Green Island Cement Company, the Hok Un Cement Works Office Staff, the Old Factory Staff of the Hok Un Cement Works, the Golf Club, and Members of the European Y.M.C.A.

WORLD CRUISE.

"RESOLUTE" DUE HERE ON MONDAY.

At daylight on Monday, the round-the-world cruise "steamer Resolute" is due in harbour from Shanghai.

During their stay here, Messrs. W. Farmer & Co. (local agents) will arrange trips to the Peak, Repulse Bay, New Territories, and Macao.

The "notables" on board include the Duke of Anhalt, Baron and Baroness Albrecht von Schroeder, and Captain F. Ferguson of Craigdarroch, Scotland.

The s.s. "Norviken" (local agents, Karsten Larsen Co.), which arrived here yesterday, is the first of three Norwegian steamers specially built for the China coast trade, with many new features. She is being examined at Talkoo Dock after her maiden trip from Europe.

How he and his crew were marooned on an island in the mouth of the Canton River for seven days, was recounted to the Water Police yesterday by a boatman who had his sloopman forcibly taken from him by pirates. The boat, originally left the Colony on February 26 with 25 piculs of salt. The stranded men were put up by an old fisherman until a passing fishing junk took them back to Hongkong.

FATEFUL MEETING.

"BIG FIVE" CONFERENCE AT GENEVA.

DOMINIONS CONSULTATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 11. The Dominions' representatives to the Assembly met Sir Austen Chamberlain at the Hotel Beauvillages at nine o'clock this morning, and conferred with him for an hour.

A meeting of the signatories of the Locarno Treaty followed.

No Decisions. Geneva, March 12. During the whole morning attention was centred on the Beauvillages Hotel where the Locarno signatories, now known as "The Big Five," were closeted in Sir Austen Chamberlain's room.

A large crowd watched them arrive at 11.30 to attend the fateful meeting, which broke up at 12.30. M. Briand and M. Vandervelde, on leaving, remarked: "There is no decision but several suggestions were made which we shall have to consider before the next meeting, the time of which has not yet been fixed."

Time for Reflection.

Geneva, later. A communique states that the conversations continued in the morning. Various suggestions were made for a solution of the difficulty. The meeting adjourned in order to afford time for reflection of these suggestions. There will be another meeting, but the time has not yet been fixed.

In addition to "The Big Five," Lord Cecil, M. Paul Boncour, and M. Louchereux were present.

Will Brazil Compromise?

London, March 12. Reuter learns that well-informed circles in London consider that the position at Geneva as regards Germany's admission to the League is undoubtedly serious. Sir Austen Chamberlain, however, is continuing his efforts for mediation, and British circles still feel that some solution of the impasse may yet be found.

Senhor Franco, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, has cabled to his Government asking for fresh instructions. It is hoped that these will enable him to modify his present non-possimus attitude.

The situation is further complicated by the restiveness of the representatives of 53 nations assembled for the special Assembly to admit Germany. They have up to now been enforced to remain idle. They are naturally annoyed at the proceedings being held up and even compromised by what, apparently, are intrigues on the part of certain members of the Council.

Tentative Solution?

Paris, March 12. According to Havas correspondent at Geneva the meeting of "The Big Five" this morning gave promise of ending the deadlock. They reached a tentative solution as follows:—

Firstly—Germany will immediately be granted entry into the League with a seat on the Council. Secondly—The creation of fresh permanent members will be referred to a Committee to investigate the whole question of the composition of the Council and report in September.

Thirdly—Poland will be given a non-permanent seat in the Council forthwith.

There is reason to think that the whole question of permanent seats will be reserved.

Germany Wavering.

Paris, later. Havas Geneva correspondent says that for the first time the Germans to-day did not oppose the grant of a non-permanent seat to Poland, but asked for time to consider the matter.

The correspondent states that M. Unden (Sweden) will not oppose the immediate grant of a non-permanent seat to Poland provided that Germany consents.

Another Flutier.

Geneva, March 12. A suggestion to remove the seat of the League from Geneva to Lausanne, Locarno, or elsewhere, raised by Mr. MacWhite (Ireland) caused a flutter in the Committee dealing with the project for building new League offices and Assembly Hall. Mr. MacWhite complained that only limited privileges and immunities were at present accorded to League delegates.

The Swiss representatives, who were most concerned, gave assurances of Switzerland's willingness to meet the objections, grant facilities to acquire the present Secretariat building at an equitable price, and secure a site for a new building.

The Committee accepted these assurances, and decided to erect new buildings in Geneva.

Rejected by Luther.

Geneva, later. Dr. Luther, German Chancellor, to-night rejected the conciliation proposals submitted this morning with a view to settling the crisis over the seats on the Council.

COBBHAM'S FLIGHT.

MEDITERRANEAN THRILLS DESCRIBED.

VIOLENT DOWN CURRENTS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 12. Mr. Alan Cobham, in a message to the "Evening News," gives an account of his exciting flight from Sollum, in Egypt, to Athens, which is a distance, as the crow flies, of 1800 miles. The flight over the Mediterranean from Athens to Sollum has been done many times, but in the opposite direction it has not been accomplished before. Mr. Cobham's time for the flight was five hours ten minutes.

Mr. Cobham pointed out that the prevailing wind is always northerly. He says "Elliot, the engineer, stripped the aeroplane of all extra weight, and Emmott, the cinematographer, sent back his camera gear, and thus we could take ten more four gallon tins of spirit to empty into the main tanks during the flight. The load was terrific, but we took off well. Visibility was bad, and we had to depend on our compass. Hour after hour we continued, with no sight of land."

Still No Land.

"In the middle of the Mediterranean we passed over a ship, which gave us confidence, as all ships had been broadcasted in case of misadventure. We had been flying three hours through showers and bad visibility, and thought Crete ought to be in sight. But another half an hour passed, and still there was no land."

"I headed more north, and we were all getting a little worried when I dimly sighted a shadowy rocky coast, which was later located as the island of Cythera, and I soon found the mainland of Greece. We had passed close to it without seeing it."

"As we cornered Cape Malen T got into violent down currents, caused by a gale dashing over the mountains, and landed at Athens in sunshine."

Race to London.

Flying via Pisa and Lyons, Mr. Cobham expects to reach Croydon aerodrome during the week end. Representatives of the Air Ministry and aero-naval bodies will await him to congratulate him on the accomplishment of his memorable journey to Cape Town and back.

An interesting fact is that the Union Castle liner Windsor Castle left Cape Town at the same time as Mr. Cobham, and is due at Southampton early on Monday. Mr. Cobham has expressed the hope that he will reach England first.

TO AVERT STRIKES.

ITALY AND COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, March 12.

The Senate has approved by 138 votes to 26 the Fascist Trade Unions Bill, providing compulsory arbitration in labour disputes.

Signor Mussolini described the measure as the most revolutionary yet produced by the Fascist Government.

Fascist Discipline.

Rome, later. Signor Mussolini, in a speech in the Senate on the subject of the Fascist Trade Unions Bill, emphasised the disciplinary character of the measure pointing out that Fascist Syndicalism now comprised 2,000,000 agricultural and industrial workers, a formidable and obedient force completely controlled by Fascism and the Government, and fully appreciating the value of the function of capitalism as a necessity for co-operation.

The Fascist conception was that that all must be within and none outside. The State was above all and nobody must be against the State. The struggle of life was such nowadays that no nation could indulge in luxury strikes.

Limit of Concessions.

Geneva, later. Mr. Briand, in announcing the German decision, said that they represented the extreme limit of the Allies' concessions.

The German refusal to agree to granting a non-permanent seat on the Council to Poland, on which France is insisting, has aroused considerable anxiety and the outcome is most uncertain.

Air Electrical!

Geneva, later. The electric state of the atmosphere was exemplified by Sir Austen Chamberlain receiving a constant succession of visitors, including M. Bethlen, Viscount Iballi, and Mr. Nischol. He had arranged to receive the British journalists, but near the meeting time Dr. Luther breathlessly rushed through the hall of the hotel and was closeted with Sir Austen Chamberlain for half an hour.

Sir A. Chamberlain cancelled the Pressman's reception and left immediately, accompanied by Lord Cecil, to see Mr. Briand.

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CANTON QUIET.

POLITICAL CRISIS BLOWS OVER?
CONFLICTING REPORTS.

That Canton is quiet is established by news from an authentic source. There may be under-currents of political unrest but it is now confidently expected that trouble will not break out.

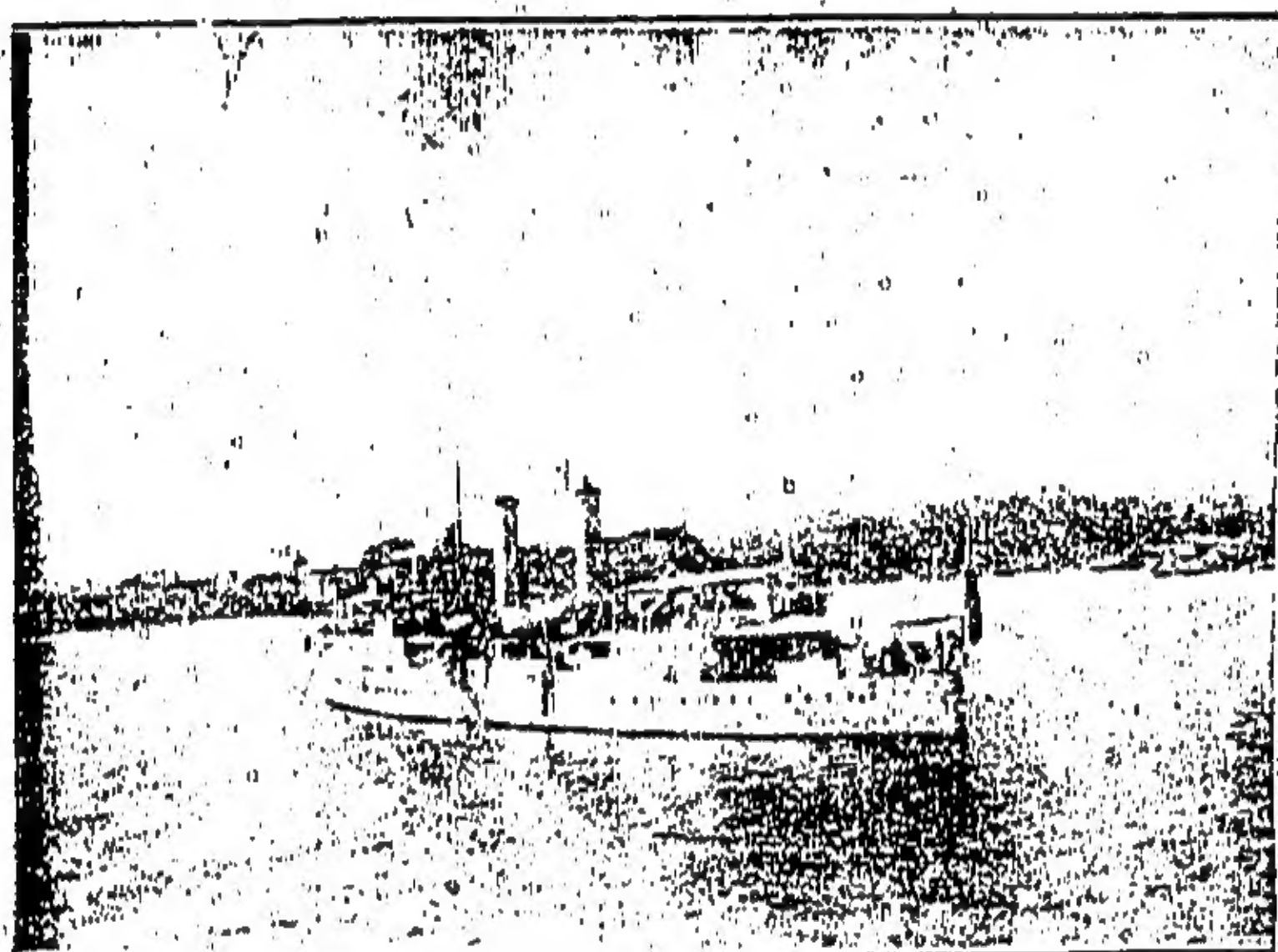
Whether it be a struggle for power between the Right and Left parties, or between individuals, it is thought that those in charge have a grip on the situation so that opposition will be removed without challenge.

General Li Chai-sum was last reported to be going up the West River. General Chang Kai-shek's name is still in the background while two of his subordinates are said to be taking outlets away towards Wu-chow, rather than marching on Canton.

Admiral Au-Yeung Lum is reported to have fled from his flagship after a coup against him. A number of officers of the cruiser "Chung Shan" were removed.

That her tin containing her takings had been stolen from her by a Chinese youth was alleged by a "newsman" in Pedder Street yesterday afternoon. The blowing of police whistles led to a chase and capture of the lad. The tin and money were recovered and the case was to have been heard at the Magistrate's this morning.

ADMIRAL'S FLIGHT.



The Chinese flag-ship "Chung Shan" (formerly the "Wing Fung"), the commander of which is said to have fled on account of political developments.

BANK LOAN.

COUNSEL CROSS-EXAMINES MR. LAMMERT.
A DISAGREEMENT.

Mr. H. A. Lammert was cross-examined at some length in the witness box yesterday by Mr. F. C. Jenkin respecting the loan to the Man Chuen Bank in which he is alleged to have acted as agent.

Mr. Jenkin put it to Mr. Lammert that when Mr. Ross was appointed by the Official Receiver as special manager of G. P. and H. A. Lammert, he (Mr. Lammert) had never told Mr. Ross that Lammerts had acted as agents in the transaction.

This, Mr. Lammert denied and said that he had told Mr. Ross that the money was due to Moxon and Taylor and not to Lammerts.

Mr. Jenkin: Do you suggest that if the money had been collected it would have gone to benefit your "estate" or Moxon and Taylor?

Mr. Lammert: I could not tell you.

Mr. Jenkin: Was not one of the reasons for the meeting at the Official Receiver's office the question of an outstanding debt to the estate of Lammerts?

No. I have an idea that Moxon and Taylor had approached Mr. Ross in connection with the matter saying they wanted the money.

Do you suggest that Mr. Ross was using his official position to collect money which would go to Moxon and Taylor?—He was our special manager appointed by the Official Receiver.

Why was the letter from the Man Chuen Bank addressed to you and not to Moxon and Taylor if everyone was aware of the position?—I don't know.

I put it to you that the real reason was that you had never informed Mr. Ross that it was to Moxon and Taylor the money was due and that you were agents?

Witness: Then I am lying.

Mr. Jenkin: That is the only thing unless your recollection is wrong on that point.

The letter which Moxon and Taylor wrote stating that if a margin was not forthcoming the shares in question would be sold was again referred to.

Under cross-examination, witness said that this letter was justified under Stock Exchange rules. If he had said in his previous evidence that it was not, he must have misunderstood counsel's questions.

SHARES RISING.

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Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's weekly share report states:—

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We have had a firm market during the past week and a good many of the favourite stocks show a considerable advance.

The Shanghai market is also firmer and prices generally have advanced gradually during the week.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks:—Have risen to a buying rate of \$1.040 with few if any sellers.

Unions:—Have been a strong market and have come to business at \$285.

Insurances:—Cantons have risen to a buying rate of \$605 and Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$555.

Hotels:—Have risen gradually to \$10 at which price a fair number of shares have changed hands.

Hongkong Electric:—Have also been in good demand and close with buyers at \$61½.

Trams:—Have had a further rise and have been done as high as \$25¼.

Cina Sugars:—Have been in fair demand during the week closing with buyers at \$27½ after sales at \$28.

BRILLIANT CHANG.

NOTORIOUS SMUGGLER ACTS AGAIN.

ONCE IN HONGKONG.

(By "Li-Chung yin.")

When "Brilliant" Chang passed through Hongkong, under charge of the Police, few thought that he would once more make a name for himself. This is what a Home weekly paper says:—

"The king of dope traffickers, who was deported from this country (England), is in the limelight again, this time in France and Belgium. There the notorious Chinaman has resumed his operations on an extensive scale.

"It is only recently that Scotland Yard received an inkling of Chang's activities in a communication from the Continental police.

"A close watch is being maintained on all foreign vessels arriving from Dutch ports, the crews being carefully scrutinised by detectives.

"What is more significant, however, is that large quantities of cocaine and other drugs have been systematically smuggled into the country during the last few months, and the 'snow' is again being hawked about in disreputable haunts in the West End.

"Giant Dope Factory."

"Abundant evidence has been collected by the Continental police which goes to show that Chang is making a desperate bid to assume control of the cocaine traffic in London with the assistance of some of the cleverest dope agents in France and Belgium.

"Somewhere abroad there is a dope factory highly organised and conducted on the most up-to-date business lines.

"That Chang's fortunes have been reimbursed since he was cleared out of London is proved by the luxurious life he is leading abroad.

"He appears to have plenty of money, and is able to indulge in costly pleasure tours on the Riviera and in Italy.

"Incidentally he has introduced a number of Chinese cafes to the night life of the Continent.

"These cafes exist in Paris, Nice, and Berlin, and are patronised highly by fashionable and wealthy guests.

"At Nice, Chang has started a Chinese Dance Club, which is locked upon as one of the most picturesque novelties of its kind.

"It is open all night, and one of its most attractive features is a jazz band composed of expert Chinese musicians.

"Thus Chang's star is far from being on the wane, and just as he captured thousands in London by his dazzling restaurant in Regent Street some years ago, so on the Continent he is making fresh triumphs.

"The cafes and dance halls which he has opened in the guise of innocent entertainment are really the camouflage for the distribution of the soul-destroying drug with which this amazing Chinaman, cunning, diabolical, and elusive, ruined hundreds of girls and men in London."

Hongkong's Port.

Hongkong has co-operated with London, before now, in bringing smugglers to book. Ever though great ingenuity has been displayed, the local authorities have scored a number of successes.

From some whose duty it is to cope with this traffic, I learn that traffickers of Chang's type are very rare. Chinese who venture abroad as agents or principals of illicit trading concerns are nearly all seamen. Even if they had the inclination they would lack the polish to enter night life. Some settle down and establish themselves in business—more as a "blind" than for the purely mercantile profits.

The expert also told me that he was not in the least surprised to find Chang about again. There are people with money—men and women—who, he said, are always ready to finance brainy schemers on a get-rich-quick basis. Still, it is the mercenary attraction, and not the glamour, that attracts the capitalists.

Seamen pay fabulous sums to secure certain positions on various lines because of the opportunity for smuggling. In some cases the actual wage is not even sufficient to cover a very low rate of interest on the "squeeze." Those who were lucky enough to escape the law gradually built up connections and successors took their places. In this way, the business kept on and will continue until the game is not worth the candle.

Not the best of luck seems to have attended the southern cruise of the Royal Naval submarines attached to Hongkong for service with the China Squadron. About 420 miles south by west of the Colony, the "L4" is reported to have grounded, on the Paracels, refloating again after a few hours, and proceeding. The "L39" it will be recalled, collided with the ferry "Yew Sing" in the western part of the harbour and has had to undergo repairs.

RACIAL UNITY.

Y.M.C.A. SPEAKER AT UNIVERSITY.

MR. KOO'S IMPRESSIONS.

Mr. T. Z. Koo, who is on a visit to Hongkong in the course of a tour in connection with the Y.M.C.A. and its work among students, spoke at the Hongkong University yesterday afternoon.

Having visited colleges in Asia, Europe, America and several islands on the Pacific during a period of some 16 months, including four months in India, he gave some of his observations and experiences connected with the tour.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.B.E., M.A., presided, and was supported by the Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E., and Mr. C. H. Lim, president of the University Christian Association, who welcomed Mr. Koo to Hongkong on behalf of the local students.

Mr. Koo said that the forces preventing international co-operation in all parts of the world to-day were political fears, economic competition, cultural backgrounds, racial prejudice, and religious differences. He illustrated these by noting that many countries in Europe were afraid of a possible "Red" invasion; that certain peoples were still trying to keep some of the special privileges they had previously exacted of other peoples, while those having lost were trying to recover them; that many having different cultural backgrounds were unwilling to associate with others; and that many religious controversies were still going on.

As steps towards international co-operation, Mr. Koo believed that there should be an international-mindedness as well as a machinery for co-operation. One should have a mind to respect another, to understand others, and both sides of a question, as well as one's own. One should look at another more as an individual instead as a type.

Mr. Koo said fundamentally every person had love and affection, but the ways of expressing such might be different. He told how Chinese children sometimes would remain silent and respectful in the presence of their parents and how some European boys and girls would hug around their fathers and mothers with plenty of kisses. They were all loving their parents, he said, some expressing it with silent respect, while others with shouting and joy.

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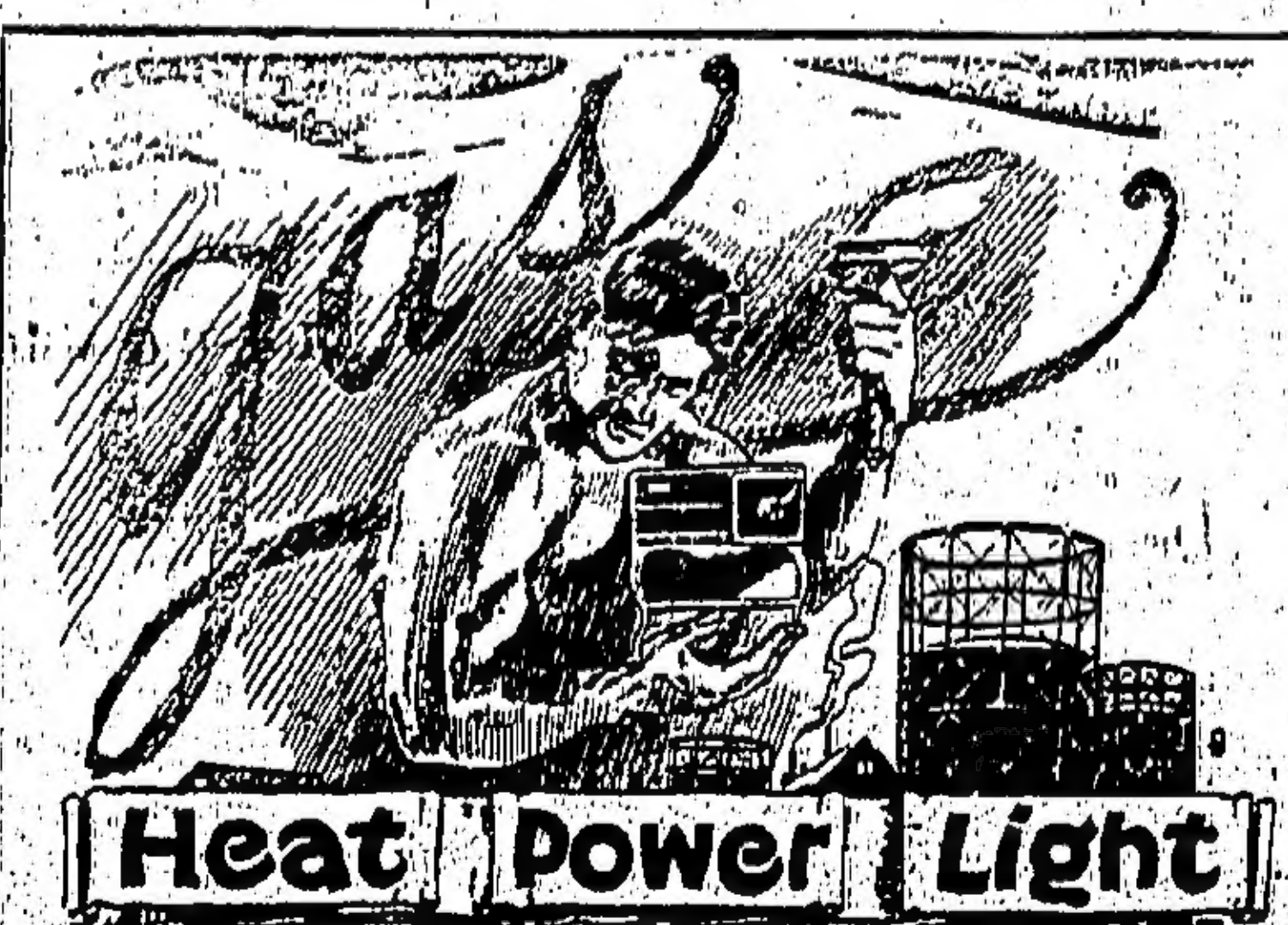
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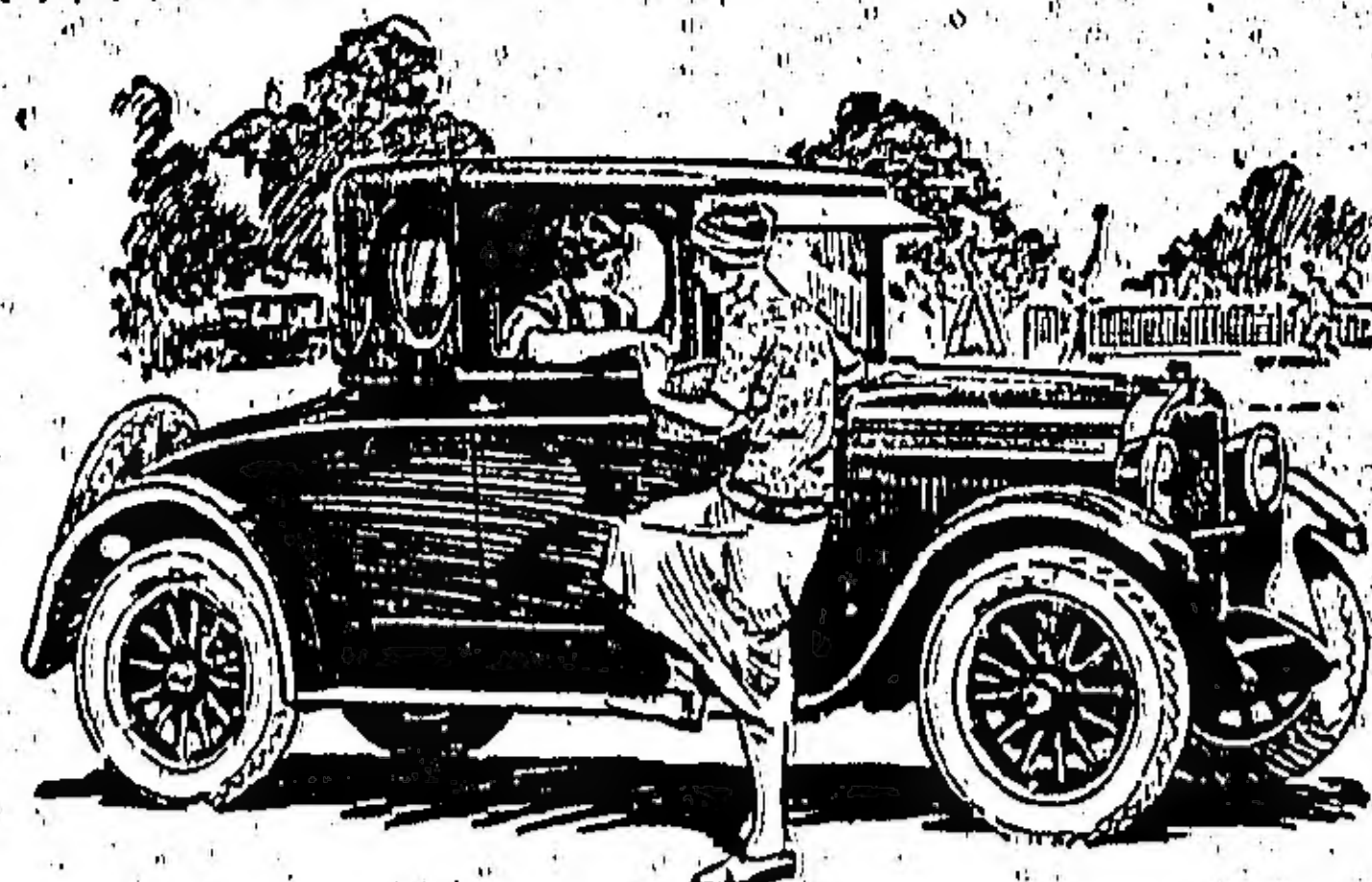


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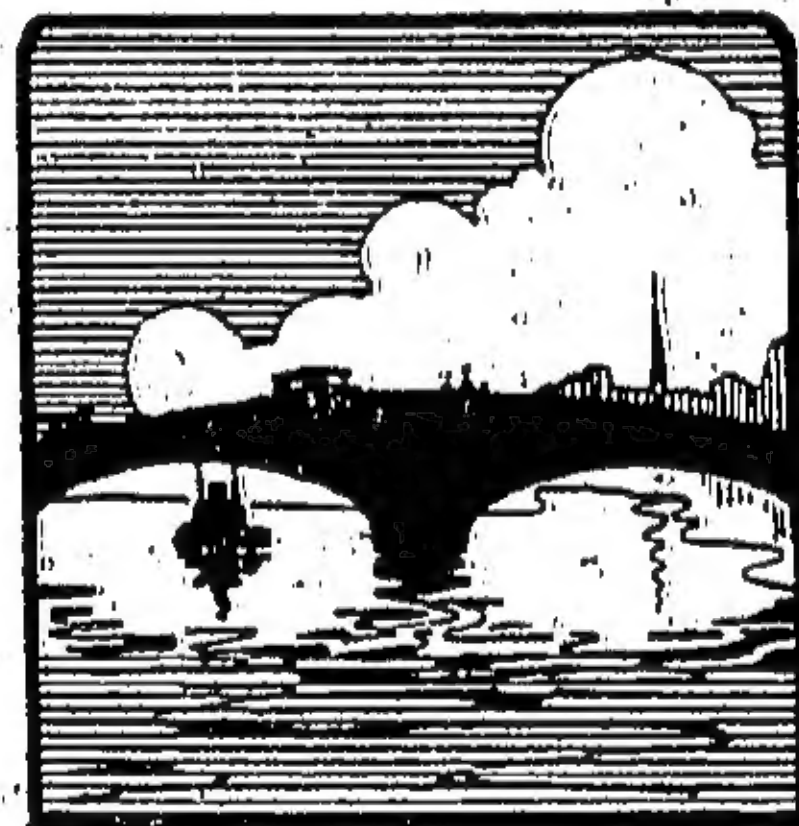
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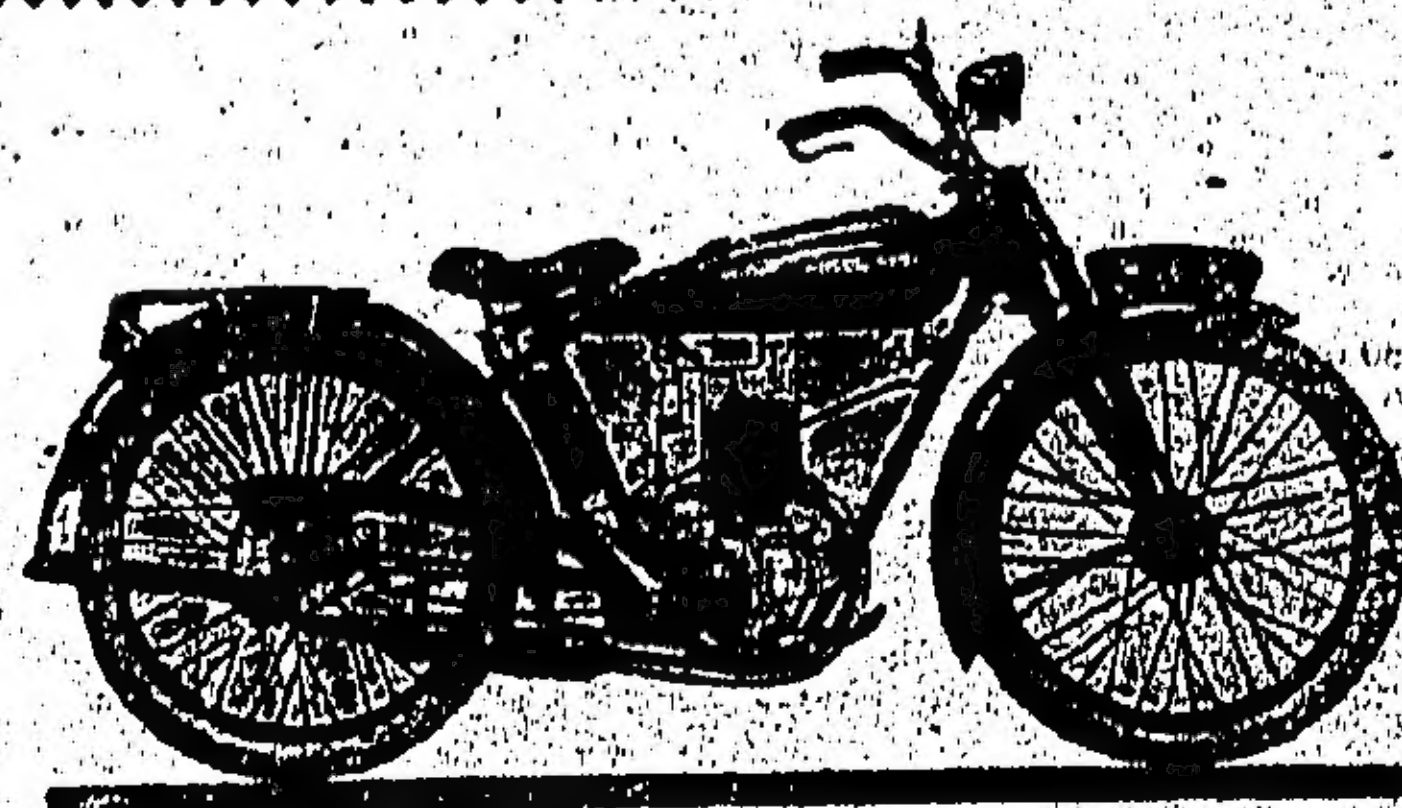
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There was a clean bill of health for the Colony on Thursday.

The draw for the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual tennis tournament can be seen at the Club-house. First round matches must be played on or before April 15.

Boys of the Central School, Oxford, were ordered to march past the City Mace and salute it. The mayor, the Rev. John Carter, arrived there with mace and mace-bearer as a part of his campaign to teach civic pride. He holds it to be the duty of citizens to raise their hats to the mace, and proposes to pay bat-raising visits with this emblem to all the schools.

Though some months must elapse before the first of the Test matches will be played on the Trent Bridge ground, Nottingham, people from all parts of the country are already making inquiries as to the accommodation. As yet, however, tickets have not been placed on sale, and it is not expected they will be available until the end of March or early April. Everything points to a record crowd, and North County Cricket Club are preparing to spend between £4,000 and £5,000 on the erection of two new concrete stands.

A report from Paris states that a Persian carpet is valued at the tremendous sum of £150,000. The "Morning Post" recalls a most profitable sale of two Persian rugs at Christie's seven years ago. These were the property of the Marchioness of Graham, who inherited them from her father, the Duke of Hamilton, whose ancestor, the tenth Duke, was Ambassador at the Russian Court. The rugs were woven in silk, and were of pink and purple against a ground of gold and silver threads. Bidding started at a thousand guineas, and advanced slowly until the huge figure of seven thousand guineas was reached. At that point competition became acute, and the rugs were finally knocked down at thirteen thousand guineas to Messrs. Duveen.

Twenty skilled engineers from all parts in Great Britain left Liverpool recently in the Canadian Pacific liner Montcalm, to take up work in Canada and the United States.

A special trainload of 31 vans of motor-cycles and motor-cycle combinations has been despatched by the London Midland and Scottish Railway to the Soviet Government.

A feature of the Royal Horticultural Society Show was a "pelican plant," which bears a striking resemblance to the head of the bird. Most of the petals are yellow, with one blue to form the bird's tongue.

During 1925 only one passenger was killed in a train accident on the British railways. Since 1900 there have been two years—1901, and 1908—without a single fatality to passengers in train accidents, and in 1903, as in last year, only one fatal accident occurred.

While the Carmania, of the Cunard Line, was moving away from the Liverpool Landing-stage outward bound for Boston and New York with 200 first-class passengers and 250 in the third-class, the strong ebb tide carried her back in such close proximity to the stage that she scraped against the side of the Blue Funnel liner Sarpedon, as she lay embarking passengers for the East. On a effect of the pressure was to dislodge the gangway across which passengers and friends were walking on to the latter vessel, but landing stage Sergeant Carruthers promptly cleared the people away until the Carmania had passed. The master of the Cunarder proceeded on his voyage, but after preliminary examination of the Sarpedon it was deemed wise for her to proceed to dock for further inspection. In the process of passing the Sarpedon at such close quarters, a dummy barge at the landing-stage was crushed, and the damaged end began to sink. She was towed over to the Trannere beach by the tug Vigilant.

Scotland Yard and the French and Turkish police are co-operating to trace thieves who stole furs to the value of £3,500 during transit from Constantinople to London.

A party of boys from Castleford Secondary School (Yorkshire) have left Grimsby for Germany, where they are to act English plays in German schools at Lubeck, Kiel, and Hamburg.

The American Petroleum Institute's estimate of the production of crude oil in the United States during the week ending December 19 is 14,113,000 barrels.

Some interest was evoked the other day when a young man was seen on the Tor Hotel Road, Kobe, carrying a red flag tastefully decorated with the sickle and hammer—the Soviet emblem. He seemed rather self-conscious about it but was not interfered with by the police outside whose box he waited for a minute or two to survey the surroundings.

"C.K.S." of the "Sphere" has been told that Jones in Paris is being asked for at the libraries by the modern young woman who will read none but "spicy" books. "It would seem," he says, "that some libraries have rows of such books, which the clerks have instructions to refuse to the very young person, but to assign to the more mature. Such a censorship, if it exists, appears to me to be very absurd."

The best way to prevent war dreams was for those troubled in that way to talk of their experiences before going to bed, as not infrequently they were cured in that way. This advice was given by Dr. Edwin Smith, Hackney corner, at an inquest on Albert Wickett, of London-road, whose body was found in the River Lea. Frederick Wickett said that his brother had been constantly dreaming that he was up to his waist in water and that people were after him, and that he was confronted with big guns. He had been in action several times during the war, but was never injured. Verdict: Suicide while of unsound mind.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wattie and family leave for Home on April 3, sailing on the "Morea."

The preachers at to-morrow's services at St. John's Cathedral are Mr. T. Z. Koo (11 a.m.) and the Chaplain (6 p.m.).

Happiness is a way of life. I think it is a child of discipline that self-indulgence is the mother of distress, and that good luck is a result of hard work intelligently planned.—Sir Henry Lauder.

At the International Poultry Show at the Hague, Holland, Lord Dowry's exhibits from the "Home-stall Poultry Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, gained 10 championship cups, in addition to 48 1st prizes and four 2nd prizes.

A wedding of much interest was solemnised in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, last week when Miss Patricia Louise Cowan, daughter of the Hon. G. H. Cowan, of Vancouver, B. C., became the bride of Mr. Aeneas McBeary Bell-Irving, son of Mr. H. O. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver, B. C. Lord and Lady Willington and Mr. Sidney Barton (H. B. M. Consul-General) were present at the ceremony, Lord and Lady Willington giving the bride a gold and enamel travelling clock. A reception was later held at the home of Major and Mrs. H. Y. Irvine, 288 Yu Yuen Road.

Lady Oxford, arrived at a film studio in Covent Garden, W.C., wearing a pair of striking Canadian snow boots. When she found that she was to sit at a desk to write her autograph in the glare of a battery of lights, she made some spirited comments on the unbecoming qualities of flashlights. She was assured, however, that the studio lights would have a vastly different effect, and set to work cheerfully. The writing of her autograph will form the conclusion of a picture of intimate studies of Lord and Lady Oxford taken at Sutton Courtenay, their Berkshire home. After having his nose and chin powdered, Lord Darling sat down and wrote above his signature, "I have never been so bored before, even at the dentist's!" But the camera caught a twinkle in his eye as he gravely penned this complaint. In "The Secrets of Handwriting," the handwriting of celebrities will be analysed by a well-known physician and graphological expert.

M. Jean Palmleve, son of the French Minister of War, is going to appear on the screen. Like his father, he has adopted a scientific career and now is pursuing his studies in the Sorbonne laboratory. He does not intend to abandon the microscope altogether for the movie camera.



Ex-Queen Elizabeth of Greece intends to make her future home in Florida with her husband, George, who was deposed.

The Shanghai American Consulate-General is interested in securing information as to the whereabouts of Mr. Lau Fook-tai, whose last address was C-o Lungwa Dock & Engineering Works, Shanghai. Any particulars concerning his present whereabouts will be appreciated. This inquiry comes from the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Eugene, Oregon.

The story of a 14-year-old girl who had what was very literally a "hair-breadth escape" was told at Lansdowne, Bucks. Children's Court. When the girl pleaded guilty to attempting to enter a moving train, it was said that she fell under the train. A porter, Frederick Lumley, grabbed her by the hair, and held her close to the platform until the train had passed. Considering her terrifying experience, the magistrates dismissed the case.

Mrs. Hughes, of Southbank, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, whose mother lived to be 100 and her grandmother 102 is now in her 102nd year and is still active.

E. B. Ford, manager of the foreign department of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, has been promoted to manager of the Cebu branch of the bank to relieve J. M. Browne who has been advanced to second vice-president.

All the best-dressed women appear to be wearing silver kid evening shoes at present. Lady Louis Mountbatten is among those who have helped to popularise this fashion. In Paris, the latest fad is for women to have their monogram in paste of diamonds on the toes of their dance slippers, the latter being generally of plain black satin.

The appointment is announced of Miss Sara Margery Fry to succeed Miss Emily Penrose, as principal at Somerville Hall, Oxford's senior institution for women's university education. Miss Fry has distinguished herself as warden at the University for Women Students at Birmingham. She has also done good work as a war relief organiser in connection with the Society of Friends. At present she is acting as honorary secretary to the penal reform committee.

The Japanese are to be taught etiquette by means of moving pictures. Officials of the Department of Education are planning to launch a cinema campaign of instruction next Spring. A committee composed of 20 leading educators will adopt standards of social etiquette which they believe should be taught the public, and which they consider has been somewhat neglected in Japan because the emphasis of education has been placed on family rank rather than upon social contacts.

There is no doubt that the Prince of Wales's appeal for the endowment of a Chair of Spanish at Oxford will be successful. That vast market, South America, with the exception of Brazil, uses Spanish, and the expert in Spanish can easily master the Portuguese that is the language of Brazil. There is a precedent for the establishment of a Spanish Chair at Oxford. It is not so long ago since Sir D. M. Stevenson, a prominent citizen of Glasgow, established at Glasgow University a very useful and successful Chair of the kind.

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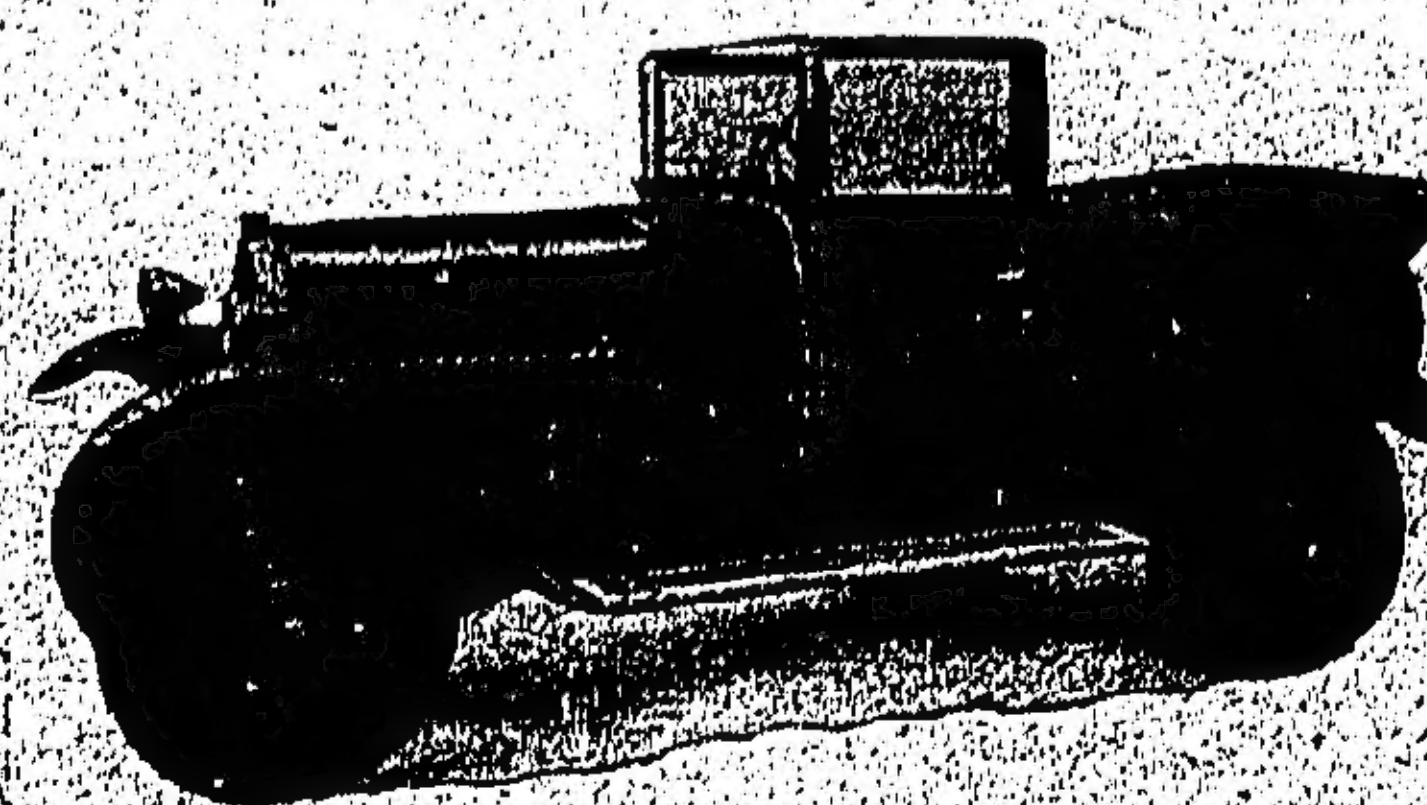
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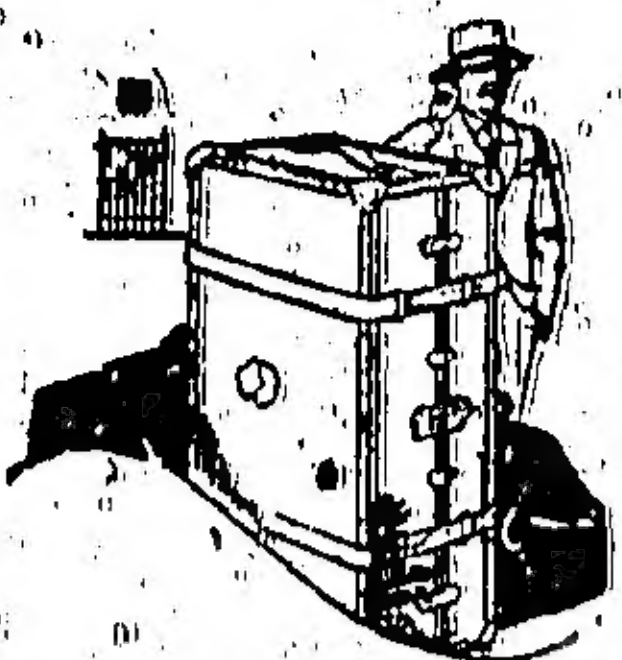
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LEADERS OF THE LOCAL TURF



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Snapshot taken last week, at the Race Course, when the Jockey Club annual meeting was held. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) is on the extreme right. He is seen outside his private stand, chatting to Mr. R. Birkett (one of the stewards), Lady Clementi, and Sir Paul Chater (the "grand old man" of the Hongkong turf). Next to the left are Captain Steele, A.D.C., and Lieut. A. J. L. Whyte, R.E., (who is facing the group).

"SAILORS" AT PLAY.



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Snapshots taken at Soekumpoo on Friday last week, when the China Squadron held their athletic sports. Note the different ways of negotiating the "obstacles," in this case a barrel.

BIAS BAY PIRATE.



This captured pirate (note the chain) is one of the hundreds who infest the neighbourhood of Bias Bay, on the Kwangtung coast, and close to Hongkong.

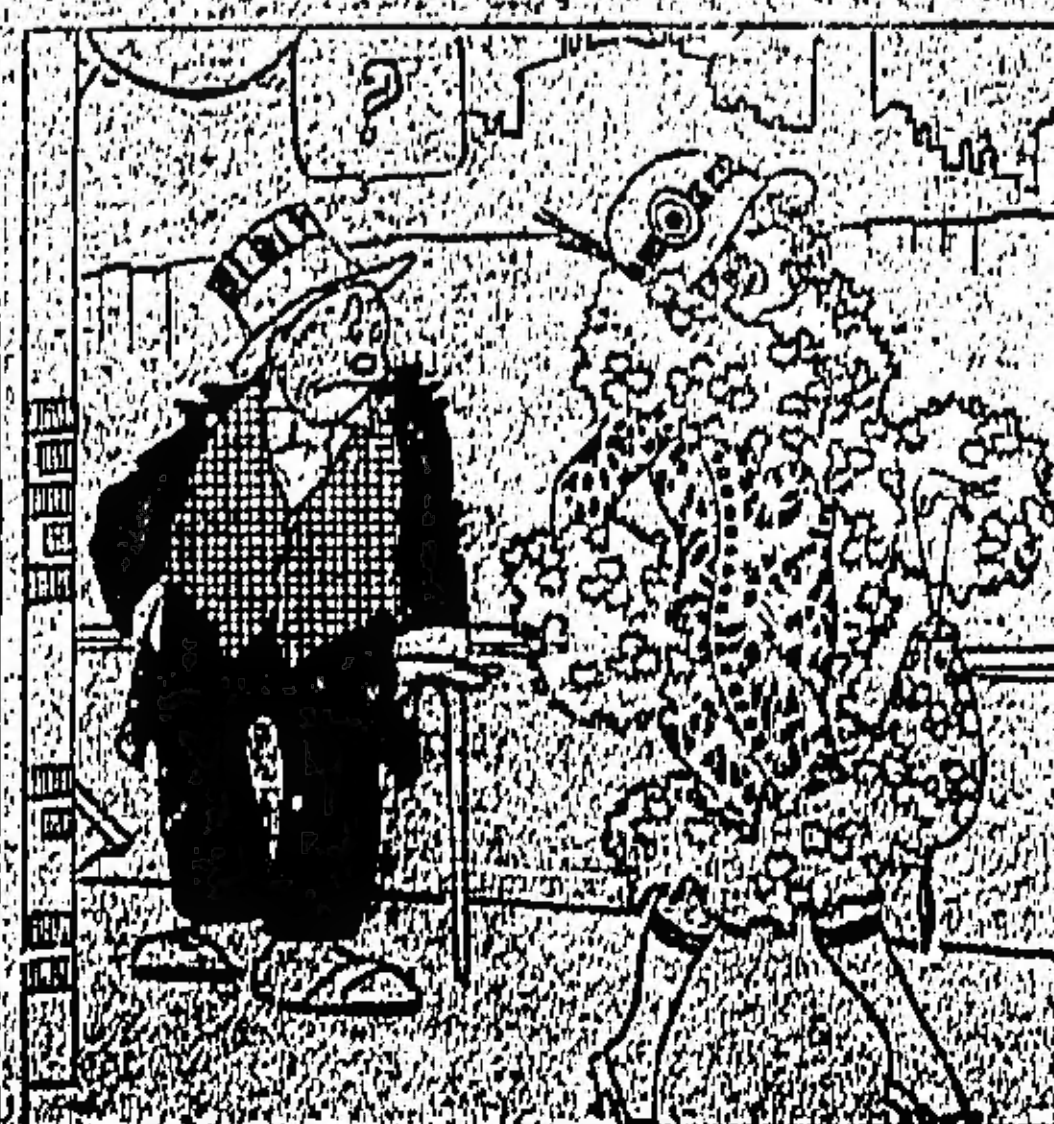
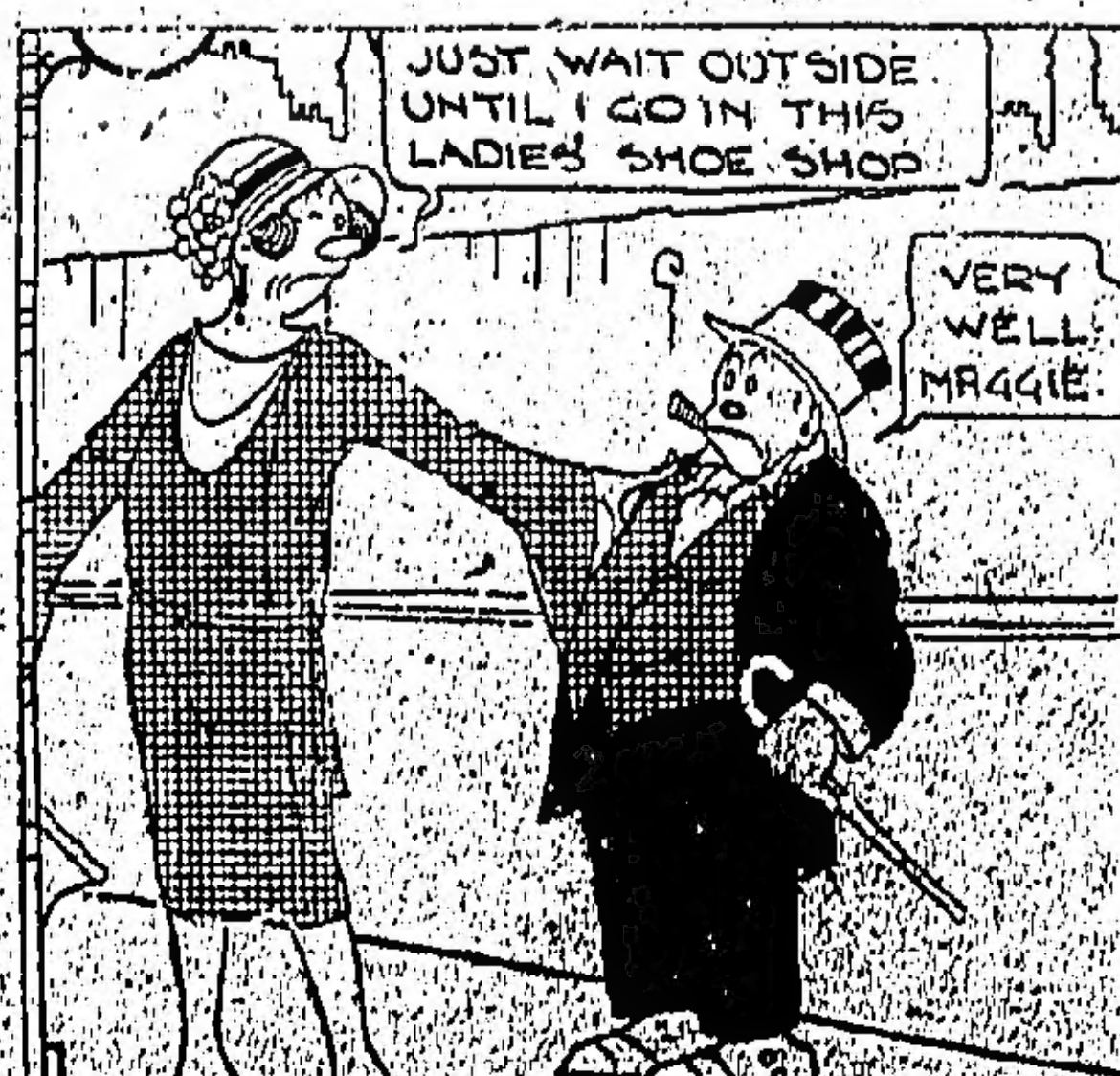
OPENING OF THE NEW WING AT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.



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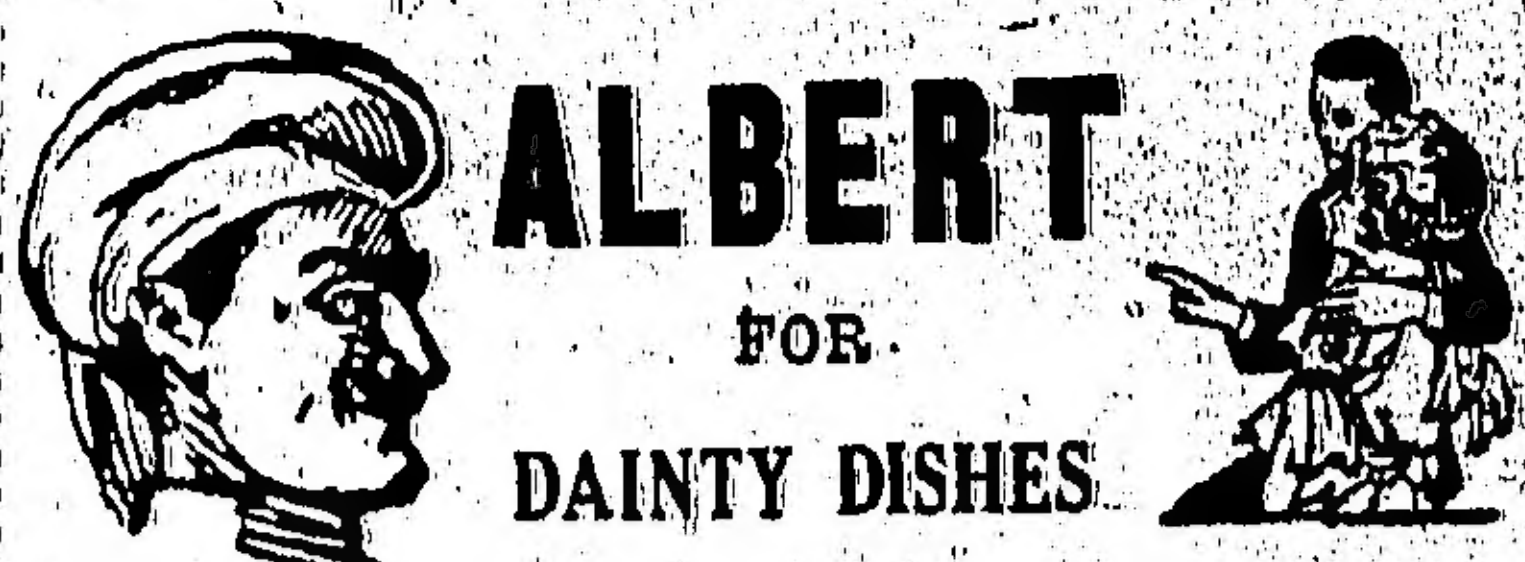
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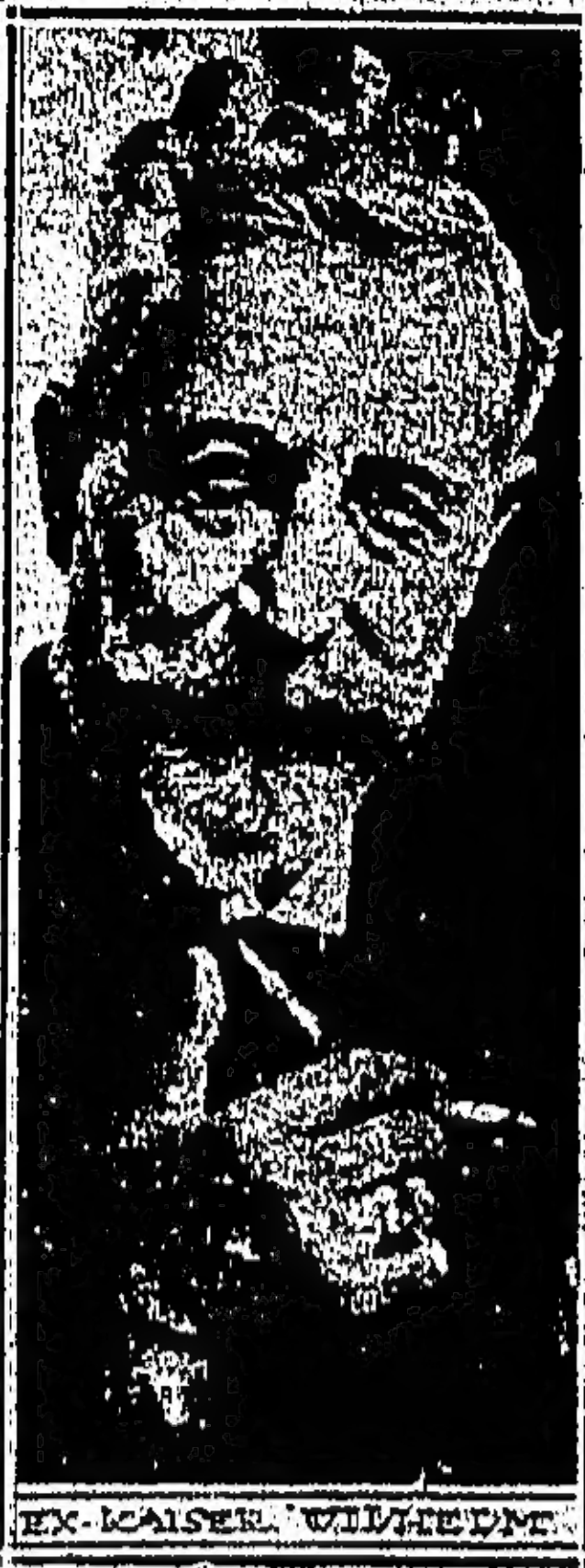
The Dental Board has been doing arithmetic and thereby finds that only a quarter of the population uses a tooth-brush (says the "Evening Standard"). This is a little surprising, as "tooth-brush drill" in the elementary schools was introduced many years ago. Probably the tooth-brush census would have yielded even smaller figures just before the war, for many men learned to appreciate the tooth-brush that was issued with their first uniforms. A chemist in a manufacturing town stated in 1919 that his sale of tooth-brushes had trebled since local men came home from the war. They not only renewed their own brushes but bought others for their families.

Test For Pearls.

A new process for distinguishing between natural and cultured pearls was described before the French Academy recently, (says the "World Magazine," New York). The methods, very simple and inexpensive, requires the inserting of a miniature tube in the hole bored in the pearl for bending purposes. Within the tube are two little mirrors very close together, at right angles to each other and at an angle of 45 degrees with the side of the tube. When a light is thrown into the tube, on the first mirror it is reflected on the second mirror if the pearl is composed of concentric layers, as is the case with all natural pearls. If the core of the pearl is not composed of concentric spheres the ray of light instead of striking the second mirror, shines through the substance of which the cultivated pearl is made and appears as a tiny spot of light on the surface.

Midnight Oil.

Myself, a somewhat indifferent sleeper, I was interested to see what Sir James Erichton-Brown, the great neurologist, had to say about insomnia at a meeting which recently considered the relationship of sleep to the health of school children. (writes "Colophon," "John of London's Weekly"). Sir James made an interesting point with regard to literary men. He observed that Dickens was a sufferer, and that his family were able to trace the fortunes of his puppets by the look on his face at the breakfast-table. When "Little Nell" died, Dickens broke down utterly as if he had lost his own daughter. It was observed that the best of Sir Hall's Caine's work had been done during periods of insomnia. Sir James insisted on the importance of indulging only in light recreation before going to bed; but this seems to conflict with his observations about the literary giants, who certainly worked late into the night and whose insomnia, with its excellent results, was due to their expenditure of midnight oil.



The former Kaiser Wilhelm in a happy mood.

Another New Comet.

Still another new comet has been discovered, this time by Mr. J. Ensor at Pretoria. It is reported to have a considerable tail, but is too far south to be visible in Scotland. Comet Van Biesbroeck, now fainter, is situated in the east of the constellation Leo, and is moving to the south-west. It is well above the horizon by midnight, but a telescope is necessary for its observation—"The Scotsman."

Blood Volunteers.

One thousand volunteers, who can be called upon to give their blood in transfusion cases, are being enrolled by the London Transfusion Service, a little known branch of Red Cross work, (says the "New York World" magazine). This service to London hospitals was organized, because doctors found it so difficult to obtain blood of the right type when a transfusion was necessary to save a patient's life. The blood of each human being belongs to one of four chemical types, and an individual who is willing to transfer some of his blood can be used only if he has blood like that of the patient. To date the London transfusion corps has served 247 cases, but calls from hospitals have become so numerous that a few hundred volunteer reserves are no longer enough. The organization states that calls come in at all hours of the day and night. Within an hour of the request the service has a volunteer of the proper type at the hospital.

A "Beast" on the Wall.

Walking along the wind-swept, water-lagged lanes near Westward Ho! (writes a correspondent to the "Daily Chronicle") I overtook an old man, now a house painter in a small way, who used to "cultivate" Rudyard Kipling's room when he was a student at the school that is described in "Stalky and Co." The building, after the collapse of an evil day, was empty for many years, and has now been converted into flats. My reminiscence companion told me how Kipling's room was full of curio hunters, when the conversion took place, anxious to secure the famous man's scribbles on the wall-paper before it was stripped.

Chlorine Treatment for Horse's Colds.

There is some dispute, it seems, about the efficacy of the chlorine gas treatment for colds and other respiratory troubles, such as "flu," in human beings; but it is certainly good for horses. Horses are not less liable to "flu" than people, and epidemics of it at United States cavalry posts have been promptly checked by the use of chlorine gas. It is administered by tethering each afflicted animal in such wise that his head is enclosed in a box into which the gas is introduced in measured quantities, a rubber cloth being fastened about the horse's neck to prevent escape of the medicinal vapour. A horse suffering from "flu" or bronchial trouble may be entirely cured by this means after three or four treatments of an hour daily—"Daily Times Journal," Canada.

Traffic in the Universe.

Some interesting announcements concerning the operating and regulation of the universe, were made by noted scientists at a meeting of American astronomical and physical societies at Los Angeles. Professor McMillan, of Chicago, announced his discovery that the sun would, in the course of every million billion years, meet another star at a distance equal to the distance between the earth and the sun. When this occurred the earth's orbit would be changed, bringing the earth to less than one-tenth of its present distance from the sun, and thereby ending all life on earth. Professor Stromberg, of Mount Wilson Observatory, said he had made a careful analysis of the movements of all stars, and discovered that they did not move under the influence of a local field of attraction, but that there was a certain universal law governing traffic in the universe. This law, he declared, acts similarly to the traffic policeman on earth. He claimed to have discovered that there is a pivot of the universe, which is at absolute rest in space and about which the universe moves.

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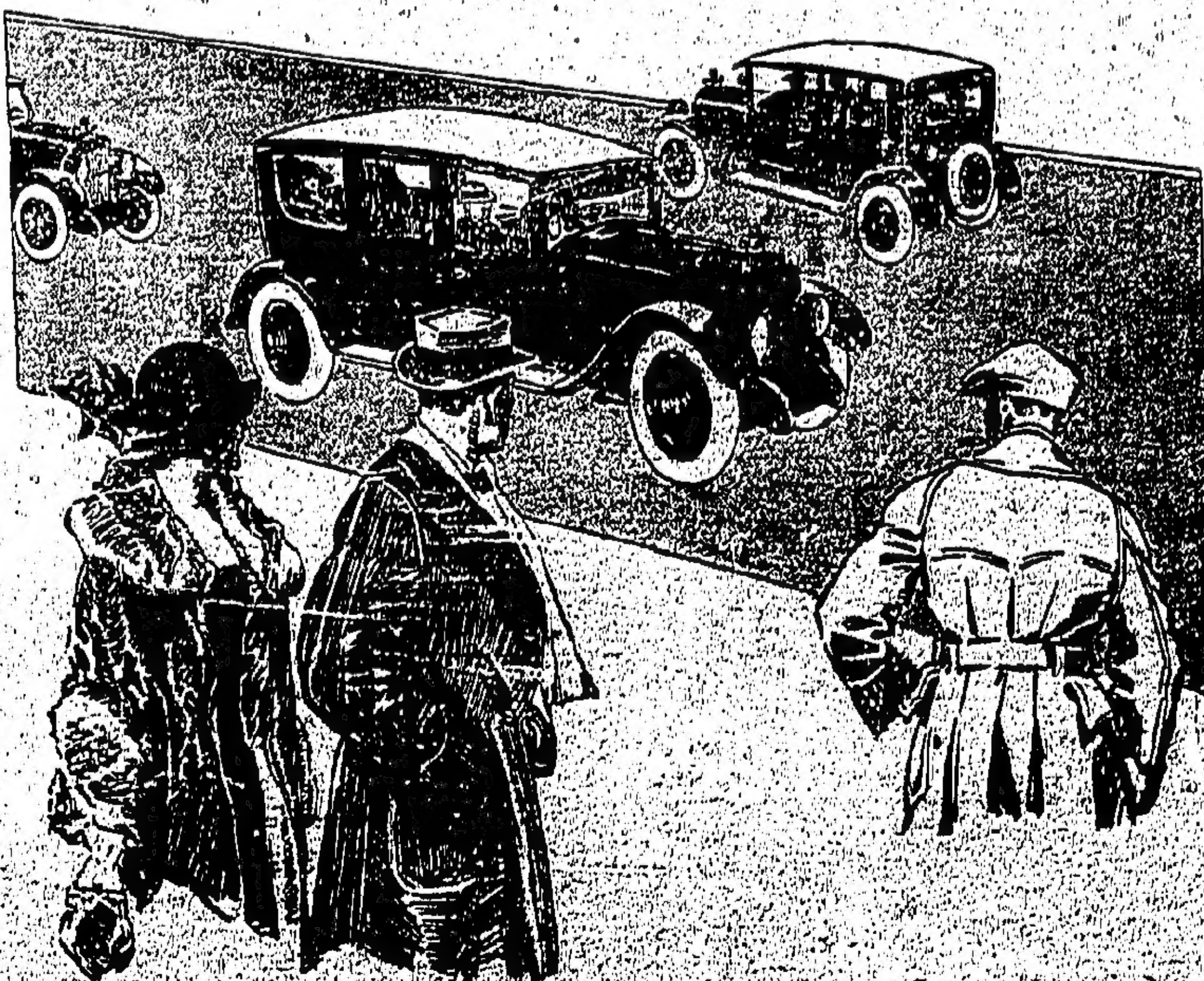
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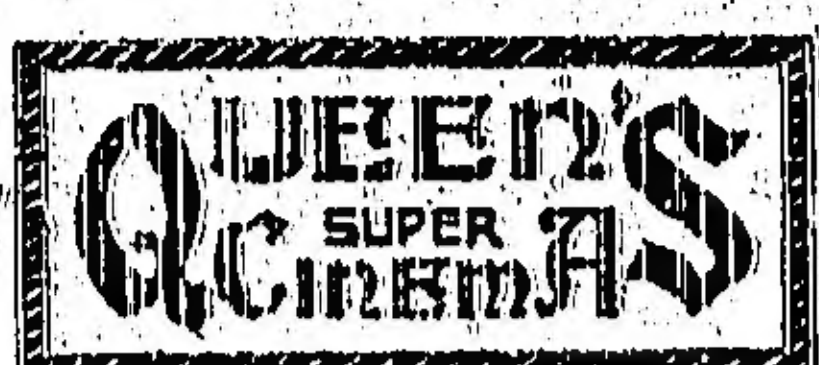
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